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CAL FIRE announces availability for Forest Health, Urban Forestry and Fire Prevention Grants

Sacramento – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is pleased to announce information regarding the 2017-2018 California Climate Investments (CCI) grant funds. CAL FIRE is administering CCI grant funds to partners through grant awards that will help the State reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon.

Up to \$200 million is available through CAL FIRE's Forest Health grants (including conservation easements through the California Forest Legacy Program) and Fire Prevention grants. Up to \$20 million in grant funds is available through CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry program. Additionally, CAL FIRE will continue to partner with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) by making \$5 million available to the CCC's for Forest Health and Fire Prevention activities.

Information on qualifying projects is available in individual Procedural Grant Guidelines and will also be provided at upcoming workshops planned for mid-January at areas around the State and via webinar. Specific information about these workshops will be shared on CAL FIRE's social media accounts and on our grants page. More information and Procedural Grant Guidelines are posted at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants

Official Call for Concept Proposals:

<u>Forest Health Grant:</u> Concept Proposals will be due on February 21, 2018 by 3:00 PM. This includes California Forest Legacy projects.

<u>Urban and Community Forestry Grant:</u> Concept Proposals will be due on February 26, 2018 by 3:00 PM. There will be three types of projects for which Concept Proposals will be accepted.

<u>Fire Prevention Grant:</u> CAL FIRE is working with the California Air Resources Board to finalize grant administrative requirements. Additional information will be released later in the winter or early spring on these grant opportunities.

The grants are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information, visit http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/.



California Climate Investments are programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund using proceeds from the State's cap-and-trade program.

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